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Mittaw in Courland, Jan. 27.

THe Governor of *Livonia* hath sent an Envoy hither, to desire our Duke to grant the Swedish Troops passage through his Territories; which he hath excused, telling the said Envoy, that besides such permission would be to the prejudice of the Neutrality which he has with the Elector of *Brandenburg*, he cannot come to any resolution herein without consulting the King of *Poland*, whose Vassal he is; concluding, that if the Swedes did pretend to open their passage through his said Countreys by force, he must make use of force on his side to oppose them; but after all, we do not really believe that the said Troops are yet in a readiness to march; their General Count *Bent Horne* is very much indisposed, which will doubtless retard it.

Dantzicke, Febr. 20. The King of *Poland* before his departure from hence, came to a determination in several matters of great importance relating to this City, and commanded, that all the Soldiers which are at present in this City, or in the Fort of *Weyselmunde*, shall be disbanded; that the Magistrates shall at no time raise any without the leave of his Majesty; that for the future this City shall not have power to execute to death any Polish Nobleman, convicted of Murther, without his Majesties consent; that a Burgher may appeal from any Sentence given by the Magistrates, to *Warsaw*; that the Senate shall be composed of half Roman Catholicks, and half Lutherans; that certain expressions in their Psalm Book, offensive to the Roman Church, shall be taken out; that another Church shall be given to the Roman Catholicks, with permission to build a third. If these points are executed, the authority and independency which this City hath hitherto enjoyed, will be very much impaired.

Vienna, Febr. 20. Their Imperial Majesties are expected here on Wednesday next from *Neustadt*; but the Duke of *Lorrain* will continue there with his Queen 8 or 10 days longer; after which they go for *Insprucke*, where they will keep their Court. In *Hungary* the prisoners taken on both sides are again treated with great cruelty, five of the Rebels having been lately empaled by order of General *Cobs*; and in return they served five or six Imperial Soldiers, whom they took, in the same manner.

Hamburg, Febr. 25. They write as well from *Copenhagen* as from *Pomeren*, that the King of *Denmark* and the Elector of *Brandenburg*, are making preparations to attack the Isle of *Rugen* once more, in which, if they succeed, they promise themselves to be quickly Masters of *Straelsond* and *Gripswaldt*, the only places which remain to the Crown of *Sueden* in *Germany*. Levies are making in all these parts for the service of the Princes of *Lunenburg*, though we do not hear of any assistance those Princes will send to the King of *Denmark*. It is said as if some Princes were forming a third Party in the Empire, in order to the procuring a Peace, among which the Elector of *Saxony* and the Duke of *Hanover* are particularly named. We cannot as yet give any credit to what is said of the march of the Swedes Army in *Livonia*, which has been so often said, and so often contradicted again, that we cannot easily believe what is at present reported concerning it, till we receive an account of it from some good hand.

Ditto, March 1. The Letters we receive from *Pomeren* do all inform us of the great preparations which the Elector of *Brandenburg* is making at *Stetin* for the attacking the Isle of *Rugen*, which Count *Coningsmarke* will, it's thought, be hardly able to defend against the united Forces of the King of *Denmark*, and the Elector of *Brandenburg*. The Ministers of the Princes concerned in the Conquest of the Dutchy of *Bremen*, have had several meetings here, but hitherto have not been able to come to any agreement about their partition. Our Letters from *Copenhagen* bring us nothing of importance; they say Levies were making in all the Danish Territories.

Strasburg, Febr. 25. Yesterday our Deputies, which our Magistrates had sent to pay their respects to the Most Christian King, returned hither from *Metz*, bringing with them large assurances of the friendship of the King, in case we observe our Neutrality for the future, which our Magistrates are considering how they shall be able to do, being fearful, lest by the breaking of it, they may expose their City to great inconveniencies, as well as danger. These Deputies tell us, that a great many pieces of Cannon had been taken out of the Arsenal at *Metz*, and sent down the *Moselle*, in order to some Siege.

Cologne, March 1. On Saturday last was concluded the meeting of the States of the Country of *Juliers*, who have given to their Duke 312000 Crowns. They have likewise resolved to send Deputies to *Maestricht*, to agree with the Intendant of *Maestricht* about the next years Contributions.

Charleville, Febr. 26. The 24th instant the Count *de Montal* invested the Castle of *Charlemont*, yesterday other Troops arrived there from *Flanders*; and this day two Battalions of Foot that were quartered here, are marched thither; the French King is expected here about Thursday next; it is said he intends for *Flanders*; what his designs are we cannot yet learn, for they are very secret.

Hague, March 5. In our last we gave you an account, that the Prince of *Orange*, upon the advice he had received of the motions of the Enemy, parted from hence on Tuesday last in the evening, having before sent orders to Count *Waldeck* to march immediately with his Troops towards *Hassels*; for that according to the account his Highness received, it seemed the design of the French was upon *Namur*

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